

Grants by Grant Cycle

Grants matching your search for 2013-14 *Farm and Ranch Solid Waste Cleanup and Abatement Grant (FR51)*

Del Norte County

Grantee: Del Norte County

Amount Awarded: \$119,096.00

Grantee Contact: Ms. Heidi Kunstal

CalRecycle Grant manager: Carla Repucci

Project Summary: Del Norte County has identified seven sites designated as either farm or ranch land within the unincorporated County. All sites have experienced moderate to high levels of illegal disposal for an extended period. Measures are proposed, when possible, to prevent future illegal disposal on all sites. The County's Code Enforcement Program is funded by the County's General Plan and has only \$14,500 allocated annually for professional services to clean/abate properties. An award of a Farm and Ranch Solid Waste Cleanup and Abatement Grant would go far in cleaning our County.

Total Awarded for County:\$119,096.00

Los Angeles County

Grantee: City of Lancaster

Amount Awarded: \$99,402.00

Grantee Contact: Jason McClure

CalRecycle Grant manager: Carla Repucci

Project Summary: Under the terms of the Farm and Ranch "Pilot Project", the City of Lancaster intends to utilize CalRecycle grant funding to clean up two separate farm sites. The sites, adjacent to one another, are former turkey farms. The large quantity of turkey coops have provided many hidden dumping locations for years. As a result of the illegal dumpers backing into the structures for quick dumping and get away, they have lost all structural integrity. They have now begun collapsing, entombing all the illegally dumped material inside. The accumulation of the debris is considerable and poses a public health hazard and the site of it continues to attract more dumpers. It is the City of Lancaster's intent to recycle all the wood on site as well as anything else that may be recycled. All other debris will be hauled to the landfill and hazardous material properly disposed of. With the continued CalRecycle/City of Lancaster partnership we can restore this property back into useable farm or ranch land.

Grantee: Los Angeles County

Amount Awarded: \$49,331.00

Grantee Contact: Mr David Brackin

CalRecycle Grant manager: Carla Repucci

Project Summary: There are three locations for request of grant funding regarding illegal dumping removal. All three have active agricultural production past and present. Also, each has appreciable tamarisk trees/windrows associated. The trees were originally planted for agricultural production protection from the elements in this seasonally high winds and temperatures area. As result of the trees presence, the areas are favored by roving bands of sheep herds and herders camps. Abundant wildlife is also attracted to the areas.

The three areas compose three site projects.

1. Alfalfa Windrows This location is immediately adjacent to large scale, well managed alfalfa seed and hay production. The site is a staging area for apiary placement for seed pollination and honey production. Sheep herding associated with dormant alfalfa animal cropping uses this site as a seasonal staging area for herder camps.

The location of site remains a native desert scrub plant community. Due to the interface of biomes, the area is prime for wildlife proliferation.

2. Sheep Camp 1. This location is in an area of past intensive agricultural production including onion, carrot and winter squash production. The farming has decreased due to water pumping electric rate escalations. It now has a prime use as a sheep herding focal point. In years of abundant rainfall, multiple herds, containing thousands of animals each, rove the area. The tamarisk windrow acts as a buffer to the seasonal winds and heat. The trees supply welcomed harborage to the sheep, herders and local wildlife, especially birds.

3. Sheep Camp 2. This location is proximate to Sheep Camp 1 and shares it attributes and conditions.

The clearance operations would contain phases, identical with each site.

By directive of the County Board of Supervisor, Michael Antonovich, (who's 'Letter of Support' is grant included) a County outreach program for community awareness is to be initiated. The program's intent is to discourage further illegal dumping plus inform of the remediation efforts launched.

Sites boundaries will be delineated with photos taken. Toxics would be removed and properly disposed of. Metals are to be collected and recycled. Waste tire removal for recycling is to occur through Agriculture Departmental crews who are approved Cal Recycle waste tire haulers. The hauls will be properly manifested. Governmental programs through the City of Lancaster and Los Angeles County currently exist to provide final disposition regarding the- to be recycled products.

County Fire Inmate Crews (a 'Letter of Commitment' is application filed) will gather and pile all large refuse in vegetation absent areas to minimize plant/soil disturbance.

An approved vendor will utilize a loader and dump trucks to remove the large debris to the Lancaster Landfill which is about a twelve mile distance from all sites.

County Fire Inmate Crews will return to bag (in Cal Recycle, recycled content approved bags) the small refuse for load into a Departmental refuse packer truck for removal to the Lancaster Landfill.

The site will be reviewed for compliance. Boundary delineates to be removed. After abatement photos will be taken.

The request for Final Payment with supporting documentation is to be submitted.

Total Awarded for County:\$148,733.00

Santa Cruz County

Grantee: Resource Conservation District of Santa Cruz County

Amount Awarded: \$24,830.00

Grantee Contact: Ms. Kelli Camara

CalRecycle Grant manager: Carla Repucci

Project Summary: The proposed project includes the removal of several cars and appliances from Green Valley Creek on a privately owned agricultural property in Watsonville, CA. The waste is located in three different “clusters” in the creek channel and along the stream bank. The objects appear to be resting on top of the soil, but it is possible that more items may be resting beneath the objects and/or may be embedded in the bank. Cluster A consists of four cars (some are mostly intact and some are missing parts) and several kitchen appliances on the right bank (looking downstream) bank. Cluster B consists of one car on the right bank upstream of Cluster A. Cluster C includes a small amount of scattered debris, including tires and a large plastic barrel, embedded in the stream channel. The waste was dumped in the riparian area prior 2007 when the current landowners purchased the property. The current landowners are concerned that the cars pose a hazard to adjacent residents that access the creek, degradation of wildlife habitat, potential risk for erosion if items become dislodged, impacts to water quality as the materials decompose (i.e. metal) , and downstream flood risks if the items dislodge and become mobilized. The proposed project would remove solid waste items and restore the stream channel and stream bank. The proposed project scope includes the following tasks:

- Complete project designs and specifications (January-March, 2015)
- Obtain required permits and CEQA authorization (March-May, 2015)
- Hire licensed contractor (June-July, 2015)
- Mobilization, including creating access route through agricultural field (August/September 2015)
- Stage mechanized equipment at the top of the stream bank above each cluster and cable and drag the objects from their current location to the top of the bank for hauling and disposing. If necessary, a cutting torch may be required in order to break waste into smaller pieces for easier handling and hauling. (August/September, 2015)
- Smooth disturbed soil with heavy equipment and install erosion control measures by hand, such as installation of an erosion control blanket and/or seed with common (August/September, 2015)
- Demobilize and repair access route as needed (October 2015)
- Revegetate the disturbed bank using native vegetation observed in the project vicinity (i.e. black cottonwood, willow species, riparian dogwood, and elderberry). The landowner will install and maintain the plantings with assistance from AmeriCorps volunteers and per oversight from the RCD and USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service. (October-November, 2015)
- Project management including, but not limited to, contracting with landowner and contractor, invoicing, reporting and grant management. (January 2015 –December 2015)

Total Awarded for County:\$24,830.00

Trinity County

Grantee: Trinity County Resource Conservation District

Amount Awarded: \$100,000.00

Grantee Contact: Donna Rupp

CalRecycle Grant manager: Carla Repucci

Project Summary: Trinity County Resource Conservation District is applying to the Pilot Program of the Farm and Ranch Grant Program to remove unauthorized solid waste from up to 20 sites that are zoned for agricultural use, where the sites are in need of cleanup in order to abate a nuisance or public health and safety threat and/or a threat to the environment. We intend to work with the 15 Volunteer Fire Districts in Trinity County to identify the worst sites in each community in need of clean-up. The District will utilize staff as well as the Watershed Research and Training Center crew, California Conservation Corps and/or CalFire inmate crews as available for cleanup and disposal. Efforts to keep dumping from happening at these sites will be made, including signage, tank traps, gates or rock barriers will be installed where appropriate. At least one of the sites that will be treated is an illegal marijuana grow site on US Forest Service land that has been identified through law enforcement personnel who do not have the resources to clean up all the garbage that was left on the site. This project will include education and outreach efforts in newsletter and newspaper articles, presentations in the schools and fair booths to try to reduce this type of activity from taking place in our forests.

Total Awarded for County:\$100,000.00

Yolo County

Grantee: Yolo County

Amount Awarded: \$44,100.00

Grantee Contact: Ms. Marissa Juhler

CalRecycle Grant manager: Carla Repucci

Project Summary: The Cache Creek Solid Waste Cleanup Project seeks to remove a large amount of illegally dumped solid waste at five sites in a 15 mile stretch of lower Cache Creek. Yolo County is requesting funds now due to an increase in concerns about illegal dumping by landowners and conservation professionals working along Cache Creek. Working with landowners and the Cache Creek Conservancy, we intend to remove a significant amount of solid waste and tires that have been dumped in and along Cache Creek for years. No other large scale cleanup effort has been applied to this part of Cache Creek before and we are looking to take advantage of historic low flows in the creek to gain access and remove debris while causing little to no negative effects to water quality or wildlife habitat (all necessary permits are in place). Grant funds will be used to pay for project management, waste collection and disposal, outreach material and volunteer supplies. We are confident that this project will be successful because of the willing participation of creek side landowners and intimate knowledge of the project area by our project partner, the Cache Creek Conservancy. We will match the work of the funded project with the annual Creek Cleanup event held at the Cache Creek Nature Preserve, paid for by the Cache Creek Conservancy. The event is held in the same area as the parcels identified in this proposal and last year the Conservancy and their volunteers removed almost 2000 lbs of waste and 10 tires from the site in one day. Additional project match will be included in the form of signage, provided by the Conservancy, to be installed at each site. The Yolo County Planning and Public Works Department will also waive permit fees for public parking on cleanup event days.

Total Awarded for County:\$44,100.00

Grant Count: 6	Grand Total for Selected Counties: \$436,759.00
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